

**Durham Soil and Water Conservation District
721 Foster Street
Durham, NC 27701**

Meeting Number: 09 (District Meeting) Date: November 3, 2011
Meeting Number: 05 (for State reporting purposes)

Supervisors Present:

Talmage Layton, Chairman
Ray Eurquhart, Supervisor
Curtis Richardson, Supervisor
Danielle Adams, Supervisor (by phone)

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Director
Lisa Marochak, Administrative officer
Jennifer Brooks, Soil Conservationist/EE Coordinator
Mike Dupree, Ag Development/Watershed Conservationist
Matthew Kinane, NRCS- District Conservationist
Steve Bennett, Area Coordinator

The regular monthly meeting of the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District Board was held on Thursday November 3, 2011, and called to order at 5:32 pm by the Chairman. The meeting was held at the Soil & Water office, the Chairman was present.

1. **Minutes and Financial Report** – A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to accept the financial statement Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. A motion was made by Robert Rosenthal to approve the minutes. Danielle Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
2. **Old Business**
 - A. **Upper Neuse River Basin Issues Update** – Danielle Adams reported on the following:
 - Next UNRB meeting will be held on December 14th 9:30am at Butner Town Hall
 - B. **Environmental Affairs Board Issues Update** –No report
 - C. **Sediment and Erosion Control Plans** –Jennifer Brooks reported that since the last meeting they have had 1 plans and it was adequate as follows: Keystone Office Park Improvements-Phase 2.
 - D. **Agricultural Cost Share Program**- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:
 - Jennifer and Eddie Culberson met with Mr. McFarland today and he is in need of 6 Grassed Waterways.
 - **Application for Assistance**- Has 1 Application for Assistance for McFarland for 6 grassed waterways on contract # 32-12-03-09. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Application of Assistance as presented pending designs and landowner signature. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Contract**- Has 1 contract 32-12-03-09 in the amount of \$10,246 for Mr. McFarland for 6 grassed waterways. A motion was made by Curtis Richardson to approve the contract as presented pending designs and landowner signature. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - E. **CCAP** – Watershed Conservationist, Mike Dupree reported on the following:
 - **Application for Assistance**- Has 1 Application for Assistance for Marion Lambreth. The Application for Assistance is for a rain garden on contract # 32-12-513-09. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
 - **Application for Assistance**- Has 1 Application for Assistance for Jonathan Rollman. The Application for Assistance is for a rain garden on contract # 32-12-514-09. A motion was made by Curtis

Richardson to approve the Application of Assistance as presented. Ray Eurquhart seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

- **Request for Payment-** Has 1 request for payment on contract #32-12-509-09. The request for payment is for impervious surface conversion for \$2,631 for planting the buffer area. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to approve the request for payment as presented for Stirrup Creek HOA contract 32-12-509-09. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

F. Administrative Officer- Lisa Marochak reported on the following:

- **Area IV Fall Meeting** – Will be held on Thursday November 17th at the Rocky Mount Farmers Market. If you are planning to attend please give Lisa your registration money by the end of this week.
- **NCASWCD Annual Meeting-** reminder that early registration for the NCASWCD Annual meeting is due by December 1st. After December 1st you have to pay at the door.
 - **NCCDEA-** Marochak passed out a letter from the NC District Employees Association asking supervisors and employees to support the NCCDEA by registering for the After Hours event at the NCASWCD Annual Meeting. Supervisors and employees are also encouraged to sign-up for a membership with NCCDEA. Associate memberships support the Scholarship fund.

G. Environmental Education- Jennifer Brooks reported on the following:

- **Big Sweep-** We had 19 cleanup sites with 334 volunteers and estimate of 11085 lbs of trash cleaned. The 25th Anniversary of NC Big Sweep will take place on November 10th in downtown Raleigh.
- **NCASWCD new contests-** NCASWCD have two new contests this year. Brooks passed out a copy of the 'computer designed poster contest' and 'computer designed slideshow'. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to support the two new contest and make them compatible with the district's other contest. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

H. Durham Farmland Protection- Kathryn Spann reported on the following:

- **Breakfast Series-** The 1st of 4 breakfast series took place on October 12th at 721 Foster St in the conference room. 12 producers were present from Durham and 2 from Person County. The producers broke out into small committees at the meeting. The next breakfast will take place on November 15th 7am-9am at 721 Foster St. in the 1st floor conference room.
 - **Committee meeting-** On October 18th the committee visited three potential sites for a future farmer's market location.
 - **Subcommittee-** working on bylaws, organizational structure and market rules. One thing they want to accomplish in the bylaws is a market outlet for Durham producers.
 - More producers have expressed interest in joining the committee since the last meeting
 - **Farmland Board's role-** Spann reported that the Farmland Board is the original sponsor of the market but the idea long term is not for the Farmland Board or Mike Dupree to run the market. The idea is for the Farmland board to nurture and get the market off the ground.
- **Farmland Ordinance-** Still need to revise Farmland Ordinance
- **Education Farm-** Heidi Carter, Vice-chair of the DPS told Spann that Rick Shedahl head of Career and Technical Education for the County School System, would like to turn the 30 acre tract adjacent to Eno Valley Elementary School into an educational farm.
- **Northern High School-** Mike Dupree reported that he is meeting next Monday at 2:45pm to assist with courtyard plans and discuss recruitment with students for next year's program. They have two greenhouses and one has heat, cooling and irrigation.
- **Southern High School-** Mike Dupree reported that Amy Jenkins is leaving the program, not sure if it will continue. The students earned \$1,100 in plant sales and helped install 3 rain gardens and 1 buffer.
- **Next Farmland meeting-** the next meeting date is scheduled for November 16th at 8am.

I. Stream Restoration and Stormwater Projects – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- **EEG grant-** The Piedmont Community Council (PCC) is seeking a grant for installation of a green roof on the Agricultural Building through an EEG grant.
- **SWAMP-** Curtis Richardson reported that the signs are going up at Duke University SWAMP.

J. Watershed Rules- Mike Dupree reported on the following:

- **Falls Agriculture Subcommittee-** meeting was held on October 21st to discuss development of a monitoring model. Ann Coan will chair the subcommittee to develop the monitoring model. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th 10am-12pm.
- **Falls WOC** –meeting was held on November 2, 2011 1:30pm-4:00pm. John Huisman reviewed the history of the Falls rules. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 9am-12pm.
 - i. **Timeline-** March 2012 registration to be completed
 - ii. **First report from LAC's-** July 2012 to WOC
 - iii. **Phosphorus accounting baseline-** is a key issue for the Falls, the baseline is 2006 but the only data available is the 2008 statistical survey done by CES.
- **Jordan WOC-** has requested data from each district for baseline, report is due February 2012.
- **Unified Watershed Nutrient Control Strategy-** Eddie Culberson reported that district staff have been working with the county managers office to develop a Unified County Watershed ordinance, that would help meet the county's nutrient reduction goals as required by the Jordan and Falls Lake rules and outlines steps to adoption of a Unified Watershed Nutrient Control Strategy which includes a Voluntary Fertilizer Ordinance and a Voluntary Nutrient Reduction Program.

K. Director's Report – Eddie Culberson reported on the following:

- **Deputy County Manager-** Culberson reported Lee Worsley the new Deputy County Manager will be coming to our department on December 1st at 1pm. We are planning to give him an overview of our office and then take him out to see some of the project/BMP's.
- **District Land-** Culberson met with DWQ regarding blue line stream and passed out a map to the board showing where DWQ has jurisdiction. Culberson met with CWMTF regarding conservation easements. Culberson passed around the letter from CWMTF that states only 10% of the total 48 acres or 4.8 acres would encumber impervious surface and unvegetated area. Culberson passed around an email from an unhappy landowner about the park being built on the district land.
- **NACD Annual Meeting-** Eddie, Jennifer and Lisa will be attending the NACD Annual Meeting Jan 29-Feb 1st. The Durham district was chosen to present at the 2012 National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference to be held in Las Vegas. Mike Dupree will be covering the office.

L. NRCS – Matt Kinane reported the following:

- **Conservation Compliance-** This is a follow-up on what Eddie Culberson reported at last month's meeting. All landowners have been notified of their status of conservation compliance.
- **USDA Compliance Team-** Have been busy working on the USDA Compliance Team.
- **2008 Farm Bill-** because of 1619 no personal or private information is allowed to be reported by NRCS staff at board meetings.

M. Area Coordinator – Steve Bennett reported on the following:

- **State Fair Booth-** received lots of positive comments about the State Fair Booth changes made this year.

3. New Business:

- A. Resolutions-** Danielle Adams presented two resolutions to the board for the Area IV Fall meeting. The first resolution was 'Resource Conservation Workshop Locations'. The second resolution was 'Resource Conservation Workshop Sponsors'. A motion was made by Ray Eurquhart to support the two resolutions. Curtis Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

4. Adjourn: The chairman adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 1st at 5:30pm

Talmage Layton - Chairman

 - Secretary/Treasurer